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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT****DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

Antonio Perez,

Petitioner,

v.

Warden Howell,

Respondent.

Case No.: 2:20-cv-00554-APG-EJY

**Order**

On March 20, 2020, I denied petitioner Antonio Perez's motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* and directed him to pay the filing fee in order to proceed with his petition for writ of habeas corpus. ECF No. 4. He has paid the required fee. ECF No. 5. I have reviewed the petition under Habeas Rule 4, and it shall be filed and served upon the respondents.

A petition for federal habeas corpus should include all claims for relief of which the petitioner is aware. If the petitioner fails to include a claim in his petition, he may be forever barred from seeking federal habeas relief upon that claim. *See* 28 U.S.C. §2244(b) (successive petitions). If Perez is aware of a claim not included in his petition, he should notify the court of that as soon as possible, perhaps by means of a motion to amend his petition to add the claim.

In addition, Perez has filed a motion for the appointment of counsel. The district court has discretion to appoint counsel when the "interests of justice" require representation. 18 U.S.C. §3006A(a)(2)(B). There is no constitutional right to appointed counsel for a federal habeas corpus proceeding. *Pennsylvania v. Finley*, 481 U.S. 551, 555(1987); *Bonin v. Vasquez*, 999 F.2d 425, 428 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1993). The decision to appoint counsel is generally discretionary. *Chaney v.*

1 *Lewis*, 801 F.2d 1191, 1196 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1986); *Bashor v. Risley*, 730 F.2d 1228, 1234 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir.  
2 1984). However, counsel must be appointed if the complexities of the case are such that denial  
3 of counsel would amount to a denial of due process, and where the petitioner is a person of such  
4 limited education as to be incapable of fairly presenting his claims. *See Chaney*, 801 F.2d  
5 at 1196; *see also Hawkins v. Bennett*, 423 F.2d 948 (8<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1970). Perez's petition is sufficiently  
6 clear in presenting the issues that he wishes to bring. Also, the issues in this case are not  
7 particularly complex. It does not appear that appointment of counsel is warranted in this  
8 instance. Perez's motion for the appointment of counsel is denied.

9 I THEREFORE ORDER the Clerk to FILE the petition for writ of habeas corpus (ECF  
10 No. 1-1) and motion for appointment of counsel (ECF No. 1-2). The Clerk shall also  
11 ELECTRONICALLY SERVE the petition and a copy of this order on the respondents.

12 I FURTHER ORDER the Clerk to add Aaron D. Ford, Attorney General of the State of  
13 Nevada, as counsel for the respondents.

14 I FURTHER ORDER that the respondents shall have 60 days from the date of entry of  
15 this order to appear in this action and to answer or otherwise respond to the petition.

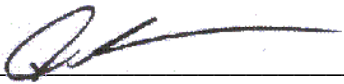
16 I FURTHER ORDER that if the respondents file an answer, Perez shall have 60 days  
17 from the date on which the answer is served on him to file a reply. If the respondents file a  
18 motion to dismiss, Perez shall have 60 days from the date on which the motion is served on him  
19 to file a response to the motion to dismiss, and the respondents shall have 30 days thereafter to  
20 file a reply in support of the motion.

21 I FURTHER ORDER that any additional state court record exhibits filed by either Perez  
22 or the respondents shall be filed with a separate index of exhibits identifying the exhibits by  
23 number. The CM/ECF attachments that are filed shall be identified by the number or numbers of

1 the exhibits in the attachment. The hard copy of any additional state court record exhibits shall  
2 be forwarded – for this case – to the court’s staff attorneys in **Reno**.

3 I FURTHER ORDER that Perez’s petitioner’s motion for appointment of counsel is  
4 DENIED.

5 Dated: April 17, 2020

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8 U.S. District Judge Andrew P. Gordon  
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